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MOTION BY SUPERVISORS KNABE AND RIDLEY-THOMAS

April 14, 2015

Los Angeles is hosting the 2015 Special Olympics World Games (World Games), a memorable event which promotes equality, awareness, acceptance and inclusion for people with intellectual disabilities. The Los Angeles County community will have the honor of welcoming 7,000 gifted athletes representing 177 countries to the opening and closing Ceremonies at the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum, during nine days of challenging international competition from July 25 to August 2, 2015.

The World Games event has garnered the support from our local businesses, global companies, and government agencies; and they are projected to generate at least \$415 million in identifiable benefits to Los Angeles County according to a collaborative analysis from Micronomics, a national research and consulting firm, and the Los Angeles Tourism and Convention Board, and a projected \$27.5 million in state and local revenue.

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On September 29, 2014, the Board approved a Funding Agreement in the amount of One Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,500,000) with the World Games Committee for expenses ASSOCIATED with welcoming visitors from around the world and hosting international and domestic delegations. Such expenses include: personnel (salary and benefits for regular employees, interns, and short-term contracted employees who will plan and execute all aspects of the World Games); transportation (bus rental, fuel, and motor pool expenses to provide a transportation system that moves athletes, spectators, family members, and VIPs/Dignitaries to competition venues and events that are part of the World Games); as well as other items.

An additional need has now been identified for the Special Olympics Families Reception scheduled for approximately 4,000 family members of the athletes that will compete at the World Games. The reception will take place at Grand Park on Wednesday, July 29, 2015, to celebrate the families that provide endless support and dedication to the athletes.

**WE, THEREFORE, MOVE** that the Board instruct the Interim Chief Executive Officer to identify funding in the total amount of Two Hundred Fifty-One Thousand Dollars and to execute an amended Funding Agreement with the 2015 Special Olympics World Games Committee to host the Special Olympics Families Reception at Grand Park's Community Terrace (Block 3) and Event Lawn (Block 4) on Wednesday, July 29, 2015, excludes the cost of liability insurance.

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